THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No. This Government did not consult the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, regarding the works to be included in the Second Five-Year Plan. There were only general discussions regarding the financial and other aspects of the Second Five-Year Plan.

(*b*) Does not arise.

*Labour disputes*

* 2768 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Madras City Hotel Workers' Association during the first week of June 1955 alleging that the management of the Udipi Hotel refused to reinstate the workers who were laid off during temporary closure of the hotel for repairs;

(*b*) whether any of the workers who were picketing peacefully in front of the hotel were arrested; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government to settle the dispute?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) No worker was arrested for picketing peacefully in front of the hotel. Twenty-four persons were however arrested and prosecuted under the City Police Act for causing obstruction in front of the hotel and six of them were workers of this hotel.

(*c*) On the intervention of the Labour Officer, the parties came to a settlement.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is the policy of this Government that whenever any labour dispute arises especially in Madras City regarding hotel workers, the Police at once interferes and they even prevent the peaceful picketing by the workers? Is it the policy of the Government to encourage the Police Department even to smash the peaceful picketeers? Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to issue suitable instructions to the Police Department not to interfere in such peaceful picketings?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member is totally wrong in his presumption.

SRI S. C. C. ANTONY PILLAI : Sir, will the Hon. Minister kindly explain his fine distinction he is seeking to draw between peaceful picketing and causing obstruction? Any peaceful picketeer causing obstruction is also arrested.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I shall explain the position Sir. Peaceful picketing will continue to be peaceful if it is not causing obstruction.

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**Sri S. RAMALINGAM** : மகாத்மா காந்தியால் கற்றுக் கொடுக்கப்பட்ட மறியல் இயக்கம் என்பது நமது சர்க்காரால் பலாத்காரம் என்று கருதப்படுமா ? அல்லது அஹிம்சா முறையை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டது என்று கருதப்படுமா ?

**The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM** : இங்கே யார் யார் மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டது என்று சொல்லப்படுகிறதோ அவர்கள் நடந்து கொண்ட முறை மகாத்மா காந்தி சொன்ன அஹிம்சா முறைப்படி அல்ல.

* 2769 *Q.*—**Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any dispute between the workers and the management of the Commonwealth Tile Works, Limited, Olavakkot;

(*b*) the present stage of the dispute; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government to settle the dispute?

**The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM** : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, conducted conciliation in the matter on 5th March 1955 and submitted his report to Government on 7th March 1955. The Government examined the conciliation report of the Labour Officer and referred for adjudication only the demands relating to dearness allowance and bonus for the year 1952–53.

* 2770 *Q.*—**Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have declared that the saw mill and tile industries are neither intermittent nor seasonal; and

(*b*) if so, whether the workers employed in these industries have been paid lay-off wages as envisaged in the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953?

**The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM** : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have decided not to declare the saw mill and tile industries as " seasonal " or " intermittent " under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, but that requests from individual industrial establishments should be considered on merits of each case. The workers of the Star Tile Works, Limited, Kallai, have been paid lay-off wages as provided for in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. If specific cases of non-payment of lay-off wages are brought to the notice of the Labour Department, necessary action will be taken in those cases.

**Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR** : On a former occasion, the Hon. Minister had the kindness to give an assurance that if individual cases were brought to the notice of the Government, action will be taken. A case has been brought before the attention of the Hon. Minister with regard to the Madurai Company where the management did not pay the lay-off wages to the workers on the